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**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

**AUTHORIZATION MODEL FOR ADMINISTRATION**

5       An administration model is provided that uses access  
control lists to define permissions for users and groups of  
users. The model identifies a number of objects to be  
administered. Associated with each of these objects is a  
set of administrative operations that can be performed on  
10 the object. For each of these operations a permission in an  
access control list entry is defined. The protected  
resources are arranged in a hierarchical fashion and an  
access control list can be associated with any point in the  
hierarchy. The access control list provides fine-grained  
15 control over the protected resources. At the time an  
administrator requests to perform an operation, the  
administrator's identification is used to look up the  
prevailing access control list to determine whether the  
operation is permitted.